CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A high temperature rigid fiber board formed by a process
- 2 comprising the steps of:
- 3 providing a fibrous material, the fibrous material including
- 4 alumina silica fiber, soluble fiber, mineral wool or a combination
- 5 thereof;
- 6 performing fiberization;
- 7 forming a fibrous mat;
- 8 accumulating layers of built-up fibrous mat;
- 9 heating and pressing the fibrous mat to achieve a desired
- 10 thickness thereof; and
- 11 drying the fibrous mat to form a fibrous high temperature
- 12 pressed board product.
- 1 2. The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with
- 2 claim 1, the process further comprising the step of: adding a filler
- 3 material.
- 1 3. The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with
- 2 claim 1, the process further comprising the step of: adding
- 3 dry/granular binder.
- 1 4. The fiber board formed by a process in accordance with
- 2 claim 2, the process further comprising the step of: adding
- 3 dry/granular binder.
- 1 5. The fiber board formed by the process of claim 3, further
- 2 comprising the step of adding the binder just after the fiberization
- 3 step and before the formation of the fibrous mat.

- 1 6. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 3, further
- 2 comprising the step of adding the binder at the fiberization step and
- 3 before the formation of the fibrous mat.
- The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 3, further
- 2 comprising the step of adding water to dissolve the binder.
- 1 8. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 7, wherein
- 2 the water is applied just prior to the hot pressing step.
- 1 9. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 7, wherein
- 2 the water is added in the form of encapsulated moisture in the same
- 3 vicinity the binder is added.
- 1 10. A fiberous board comprising a body of fibers adhered
- 2 together.
- 1 11. The fibrous board of claim 10, wherein the fiber is selected
- 2 from the group consisting of alumina silica fiber, soluble fiber, mineral
- 3 wool or any combination of thereof.
- 1 12. The fiberous board of claim 10, comprising a body of
- 2 refractory ceramic fiber and mineral wool adhered to the refractory
- 3 ceramic fiber.
- 1 13. The fibrous board of claim 11, wherein the ceramic fiber
- 2 and mineral wool are adhered by at least one binder.
- 1 14. The fibrous board of claim 13, wherein the at least one
- 2 binder is an inorganic binder.
- 1 15. The fibrous board of claim 14, wherein the inorganic
- 2 binder is selected from the group consisting powder or granular

- 3 potassium silicate, sodium silicate or other silicate materials, or
- 4 phosphate or phosphate based materials and combinations thereof.
- 1 16. The fibrous board of claim 15, further comprising at least
- 2 one filler material selected from the group consisting of clays,
- 3 cements, perlite or vermiculite and combinations thereof.
- 1 17. The fibrous board of claim 13, further comprising at least
- 2 one filler material selected from the group consisting of clays,
- 3 cements, perlite or vermiculite and combinations thereof.
- 1 18. The fibrous board of claim 15, wherein the fiber weight
- 2 percent is about 70-98%, the weight percent of binder is 2-20%, and
- 3 the weight percent of filler is 0-15%.
- 1 19. The fibrous board of claim 18, wherein the board is greater
- than 50% inorganic.
- 1 20. The fibrous board of claim 19, wherein the board is greater
- 2 than 75% inorganic.
- 1 21. The fibrous board of claim 20, wherein the board is greater
- 2 than 85% inorganic.
- 1 22. The fibrous board of claim 21, wherein the board is greater
- 2 than 99% inorganic.
- 1 23. The fibrous board of claim 18, which exhibits no off
- 2 gassing.
- 1 24. The fibrous board of claim 10, wherein the binder is added
- 2 into the process as, or just after, the fiber is being produced or as the
- 3 mat or fleece is being developed.

- 1 25. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 8, wherein
- 2 water spray is added to the top and bottom surfaces at a rate of 10-
- 3 30% of fiber basis weight on each of the two surfaces.
- 1 26. The fiberboard formed by the process of claim 25, wherein
- 2 the water further comprises wetting agents to improve water
- 3 penetration into the fiber mat.
- 1 27. The fiberboard of claim 25, wherein the density and
- 2 thickness is determined by being subjected to a hot press at a
- 3 temperature sufficient to produce steam and for a period of time
- 4 sufficient to dry or nearly dry the board. Typical temperatures are
- 5 350°F-600°F.
- 1 28. A process comprising a fiber board incorporating fiber,
- 2 binder(s), fillers, and using a process wherein the binders are added at
- 3 or just after a point of fiberization and before formation of a fibrous
- 4 mat from which the boards are produced in a continuous manner,
- 5 whereby accumulating wheels of layers of built up fibrous mat of
- 6 desired thickness is pressed and dried into high temperature fiber
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- 2 binder(s), fillers, and using a process wherein the binders are added at
- 3 or just after a point of fiberization and before formation of a fibrous
- 4 mat from which the boards are produced in a continuous manner,
- 5 whereby accumulating wheels of layers of continuous mat of desired
- 6 thickness is pressed and dried into high temperature fiber boards.
- 30. A process comprising a fiber board, free of fillers,
- 2 incorporating fiber, binder(s) and using a process wherein the binders

- 3 are added at or just after a point of fiberization and before formation
- 4 of a fibrous mat from which the boards are produced in a batch
- 5 manner, whereby accumulating wheels of layers of built up fibrous mat
- 6 of desired thickness is pressed and dried into high temperature fiber
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- 2 binder(s), fillers, and using a process wherein the binders are added at
- 3 or just after a point of fiberization and before formation of a fibrous
- 4 mat from which the boards are produced in a batch manner, whereby
- 5 accumulating wheels of layers of continuous mat of desired thickness
- 6 is pressed and dried into high temperature fiber boards.
- 1 32. A pressed ceramic fiber board comprising a ceramic
- 2 fiber, an inorganic binder and a filler.
- 1 33. A pressed ceramic fiber board comprising about 70-98%
- 2 weight percent of alumina silica fiber, soluble fiber, mineral wool or
- 3 any combination of thereof, about 2-20% of powder or granular
- 4 potassium silicate, sodium silicate or other silicate materials, or
- 5 phosphate or phosphate based materials and combinations thereof,
- 6 and about 0-15% of clay, cement, perlite, or vermiculite and
- 7 combinations thereof.